

Remarks

1. Summary of the Office Action

In the office action mailed August 27, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 19-21 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,771,644 (Brassil) or U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0107994 (Jacobs) in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2003/0231634 (Henderson) and U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0076277 (Kuusinen).

The Examiner allowed claims 1-10 and 12-14. Further, the Examiner objected to claims 23 and 24 but indicated that claims 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

2. Response

Applicant has amended claim 19 to include the subject matter of claim 23 that the Examiner indicated would be allowable, and Applicant has cancelled claim 23. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 19 is now allowable as indicated by the Examiner. Claims 20, 21, and 25 depend from claim 19 and are allowable as well, for at least the reason that they depend from an allowable claim.

Applicant has amended claim 24 to be independent, incorporating all of the limitations of base claim 19 from which it depended. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 24 is now allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

By making each of the amendments noted above, Applicant does not acquiesce in any of the claim rejections. However, Applicant has made the claim amendments without prejudice in order to expedite prosecution.

Now pending in this application are claims 1-10, 12-14, 19-21, and 24-25, of which claims 1, 19, and 24 are independent and the remainder are dependent. Applicant submits that

all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and Applicant thus respectfully requests notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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